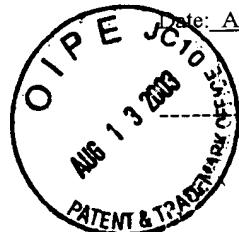


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| Applicants:  | Randall W. Nelson et al.          | Docket No.:       | 41821.0238     |
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated March 10, 2003, the period of response for which is hereby extended by four months to August 11, 2003 (in that August 10, 2003 falls on a Sunday), Applicant hereby elects claims 15-19, drawn to a method for determining whether a specimen contains any of one or more certain antibody species, without traverse, and further submits a preliminary amendment directed to the claims as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** directed to Applicants' election begin on page 26 of this paper.

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

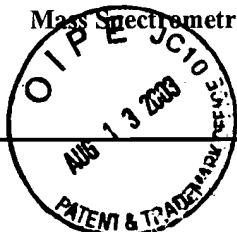
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Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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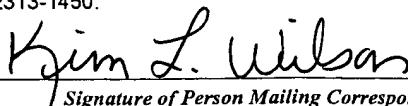
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